# Chief Constable Bailey & The Voluntary Sector: Covid-19 sitrep calls

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#### Reporting routes during Covid-19

- »CC Bailey was concerned that insight would be reaching the voluntary sector but not police during lockdown
- »A 'sitrep' was convened (regular front-line updates) with a range of voluntary sector organisations across missing, child sexual exploitation and abuse, county lines, child abuse & online harm



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# Insight & benefits



- »Insight shared has gone directly into Operation Talla to create a richer picture to the national Covid-19 police vulnerability data
- »Home Office & NCA have attended and used insight in departmental responses to child abuse & online harm
- »The insight has been fed into the ADCS, national county lines, CSAE, missing and child abuse policing work
- »The charities have reported benefits in shared insight reporting

First off, again to say what a great initiative it has been to convene the group - gives us a really useful place to hear the experiences of the voluntary sector, share ideas and engage on all our shared objectives.

Please keep up the work because the Insight from the Voluntary Sector brief is very useful for the CSA team





# Priority areas for the second & third

#### Covid-19 waves

- >>> The group carried out activity defining and progressing priority areas from the learning from the first wave for the waves we are in now
- »Priority areas were taken forward with different government departments and all chief constables were notified for local activity

Vulnerability Knowledge & Practice Programme Vulnerability Knowledge and Practice Programme Voluntary Sector feedback to CC Bailey on implications of Covid-19 second wave

#### PRIORITY AREAS

1. Lessons from Covid-19 phase 1 (major lockdown country-wide)

Impact on wellbeing: isolation, feeling trapped including families of offenders

Children
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nore time
online ncrease
in CSE
referrals

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Digital poverty impacted ability to engage - and UASCs also struggled with less access to interpreters

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Past offenders and well as adults at risk of abusing for the first time are isolated due to lockdown and report feeling at higher risk of offending behaviour

Patchy response for non high risk (medium and low) from LA Increase in child to parent violence and all forms of

Increase in need for housing for YP, refuge space for victims and emergency accomodation for offenders

Offenders adapted quickly to lockdown and changed models of exploitation

Co-ordination across charities gives a richer picture for local & national policing & partners: one example

The charities tell us children are online constantly

Childline sees more contacts relating to CSA online Concerns
raised across
government, to
chief
constables and
LFF work on
comms
campaign

Casework charities tell us far more referrals are relating to SGII & online

abuse

Police data

sees

increases in

reports

relating to

grooming

Children targeted online for CSAE during lockdown

IWF sees more selfgenerated indecent imagery

Offenders have more opportunity to offend Stop It Now! tell us more offenders or adults worried about offending are calling





# Task and finish groups emerge

CC Bailey Vol-Sec group

Thematic learning

Staff wellbeing during Covid learning group

New types of child exploitation insight sharing

Business/private sector awareness raising of child harm during Covid





### A note on the benefits to the voluntary sector

HSB prevention toolkit shared across orgs' social media which gave wider reach to those at risk of HSB Being seen as valued partners - Improved partnership working with senior policing colleagues

Voluntary sector intelligence
and insights shared & utilised
in real-time by police and
government – academic insight
can take longer and Covid
doesn't allow for that

'Invaluable opportunity
to contribute our piece
of the jigsaw to the table
and see the picture
emerging'

More holistic view of how current threats and vulnerabilities are evolving in the pandemic and lockdown



